

Remarks

Claim 3 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 9 to 21 have been indicated as withdrawn in view of the election made herein.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect without traverse the invention of Group I, drawn to a multi-component electrical conductive fiber. Claims 1 to 8 encompass the elected invention.

For the first polyester, Applicants elect without traverse polyethylene terephthalate (PET), which is encompassed by claim 2.

For the second polyester, Applicants elect without traverse polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), which is encompassed by claim 6.

For the modifier, Applicants elect without traverse adipic acid, which is encompassed by claim 3.

It is Applicants' understanding that once an elected product claim of Group I is found allowable, withdrawn process claims from Group II which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined under MPEP 821.04(b).

Except for issues payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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